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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 415

(Senator Stone and Senator Klausmeier) (Chair, Baltimore County Senators)

Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 - Baltimore County -Northeast Skate Park

This bill amends the authorization for the Northeast Skate Park in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 to authorize the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County, as grantee, to use funds at a northeast Baltimore County location not limited to Overlea.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Amending the authorized location would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: Potential increase in expenditures for Baltimore County, as grantee, if funds are not available for construction at the proposed location.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 488 of 2007 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the grantee for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of a regional skate park in Overlea. Evidence of required matching funds must be presented to the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2009.

Background: The Northeast Skate Park is a \$250,000 project to develop a fifth skate park in Baltimore County. The fenced park will include ramps, half-pipes, and rails for use by skateboarders and rollerbladers. Although access to the park will be controlled, there will be no charge to use park facilities.

Information provided for original consideration of the grant funds indicated that the project would be located in the Parkville, Overlea-Fullerton, or Perry Hall communities. After evaluating possible sites, the grantee has identified a site in the Perry Hall – White Marsh community for the park. The bill expands possible park locations to allow matching funds to be certified and the project to proceed.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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